REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed November 1, 2006. At the time of the Office Action, Claims 1-7 and 10-20 were pending in this Application. Claims 8-9 were previously cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 18 was rejected. Claims 19 and 20 were objected to and Claims 1-7 and 10-17 were allowed. Claims 18 and 20 have been amended. Claim 19 has been cancelled without prejudice. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Claim Objections

Claim 18 was objected to due to informalities. Applicant amends Claim 18 to overcome this objection.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate Examiner's consideration and indication that Claims 19 and 20 would be allowable if written to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as set forth in the Office Action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant submits amended Claim 18 incorporating the elements of allowable Claims 19 and former Claim 18. Claim 19 has been cancelled and Claim 20 has been amended to include the proper reference.
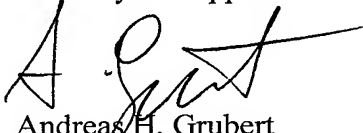
CONCLUSION

Applicant has made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for allowance in light of the amendments and remarks set forth above. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the pending claims.

Applicant believes there are no fees due at this time, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicant's attorney, Andreas Grubert, at 512.322.2545.

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